

Attempt Made To Blow Up 'L' In Rush Hour

Lighted Bomb, Found in Crowded Reid Avenue Station of B. R. T. Line, Is Extinguished in Time

Patrolman Acts Quickly

Throws Dynamite in Water After Pinching Out Fire; Company Blames Strikers

Timely discovery of an ignited bomb in the Reid Avenue station of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit elevated line on Fulton Street during a rush hour yesterday morning probably averted an explosion that would have meant loss of life and serious injuries to many people in the station and on the street.

Patrolman Michael Santaniello, of the Mercer Street station, Manhattan, detailed as a guard at the elevated station during the strike of B. R. T. employees, found the bomb in the men's washroom at 8:45 a. m., when scores of men and women were waiting for trains on the platform.

According to Santaniello's report, he had entered the washroom shortly after going on duty for the day and saw smoke curling upward from what appeared to be a folded newspaper on the floor beneath one of the basins. Thinking to extinguish a cigarette stub, he stepped on the paper, then reached down and took it in his hand.

Package Contains Dynamite

Smoke continued to come from the package and he opened it to investigate. It contained a stick of dynamite, six inches long with smoldering fuse burned to within an inch of the explosive. The patrolman pinched out the lighted fuse and threw the package into a pail of water. Santaniello was a member of the bomb squad which solved the St. Patrick's Cathedral bomb plot in March, 1915.

After a preliminary examination of the bomb at the Atlantic Avenue police station, it was taken to the Central Testing Laboratory at 125 Worth Street, by order of Acting Inspector John Coughlin, in charge of the Detective Bureau.

There it was found by Dr. Gotch and John E. Dixon, assistant inspector of combustibles, to contain a grade of dynamite, consisting of nitroglycerine and ammonia nitrate, mixed with wood flour of sawdust. Accompanying the dynamite were two pipe cleaners, impregnated with nitrate. These, Dr. Gotch said, could serve as a detonating device, but he was unable to say whether they had been used.

The report of the analysis was transmitted to Fire Commissioner Thomas J. Drennan by Mr. Dixon. Commissioner Drennan said later that his department was through with the bomb and that the Police Department would concern itself with solving the mystery of this alleged plot.

Patrolman's Hand Burned

Patrolman Santaniello received minor burns on the thumb and forefinger of his right hand when he extinguished the burning fuse.

Santaniello said Mrs. Catherine Heaman, the ticket agent on duty at the Reid Avenue station, had been transferred there from the B. R. T. station after she had told B. R. T. officials that a week ago last Tuesday a man came to the booth and threatened her with injury unless she would go on strike.

The police are looking for the man, a description of whom was given them by Mrs. Heaman.

Conflicting reports were received at the B. R. T. office regarding the finding of the explosive. One company had been told the "bomb" was not a bomb but a cardboard tube filled with oakum. This was refuted by the analysis at the testing laboratory.

Strikers Are Suspected

Officials of the B. R. T. were of the opinion that the radicals among the strikers had inspired the planting of the dynamite. This idea was ridiculed by leaders of the strikers. They declared the present walk-out of the Amalgamated men had been the most peaceful strike of transit employees ever called in Brooklyn.

"If the police found anything it was the company's scheme to discredit the strikers," declared Max Brodie, business agent of Local 687. "It is ridiculous to suspect the strikers of such a thing."

Patrolman Santaniello, with Detective Emilio Pignani, lived among the celebrated "Broad Circle" strikers months prior to the apprehension and subsequent conviction of Frank Albano and Charles Carbone in the Cathedral bomb case.

During the war Santaniello was in the military intelligence force, commanded by Captain Barnitz, a sergeant in the Police Department. This force worked a conspicuous part in gathering evidence in the widespread ship bomb conspiracy.

Reduced to Patrolman

Upon his return to the police force he was assigned to the vice squad, and subsequently complained of this virtual reduction in rank. He was later "reduced" to the uniform of a patrolman as a seventh street station. A month ago he was transferred to the Mercer Street station.

Officials of the Police Department yesterday declined to say what steps would be taken to find the person or persons responsible for placing the bomb on the Reid Avenue station.

Patrolman Santaniello said he received orders from police headquarters shortly after he had delivered the bomb not to discuss any phase of the matter with those outside the department.

Opinions of detectives and members of the staff of District Attorney Lewis's office varied as to the possible effect of an explosion of a bomb such as that analyzed. Some thought that if it had not been extinguished when it was completely wrecked it would have killed persons might have been killed. Others thought the principal damage would have been to the walls and roof of the washroom.

Mills Scores War Waste

Says American People Won Despite Democratic Party

Ogden L. Mills, Republican candidate for Congress in the district, addressed the Women's Hat and Hat Accessories Club of the Seventh Assembly District last night at Leslie Hall, Fifty-third Street and Broadway. He declared that the Democratic party had led the nation into a war unprepared and should be held responsible for the consequent waste of men, money and material.

"It is no answer to say we won the war," said Mr. Mills. "The Democratic party did not win the war; the American people won it, and not through the leadership of the Democratic party, but in spite of it."

Hammerstein Foundation Undergoes Jury Inquiry

Money Collected at Benefits Are Alleged to Have Been Used for Other Purposes

The Oscar Hammerstein Memorial Foundation, designed to send worthy American musicians of small means to Europe for study, is being investigated by the District Attorney's office. Assistant District Attorney Edwin P. Kilroe yesterday asked Judge Wadhams in the Court of General Sessions to compel George Blumenthal, manager of the Manhattan Opera House, to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of court.

Charges have been made to the District Attorney's office that money derived from benefit performances and concerts was diverted to other sources. Mr. Kilroe told the court that September 2, W. Percival Monger, a musical critic, made complaint that money taken in at the performances was being used for other purposes. He asked for an investigation.

Blumenthal was in court with his attorney, Robert H. Elder, a former assistant District Attorney of Kings County. Earlier in the day he refused to answer questions regarding the fund. Judge Wadhams instructed Mr. Blumenthal to answer questions unless they had a tendency to incriminate or degrade him. Blumenthal will appear before the additional September Grand jury to-day.

Sing Sing Prisoner Will Testify Again

In Gaming Inquiry

O'Neil Will Appear To-day Before Nassau Co. Grand Jury and It Is Hinted Officials May Be Involved

The investigation into the gambling house activities that have stirred Nassau County from end to end will be resumed to-day before Supreme Court Justice Townsend Scudder and the grand jury at the Mineola, L. I., Court-house.

It was freely predicted yesterday that John Shaughnessy, owner of a house at Lynbrook, L. I., would be called before the grand jury by District Attorney Weeks, but the latter would not confirm this report. No witnesses were examined yesterday.

Among the predictions made yesterday was one that Matthew O'Neil, who is serving a term in Sing Sing prison, would be brought before the grand jury to-day and questioned concerning his disposal of stolen property. O'Neil has testified before and it is intimated that his further statements may involve certain county officials.

There was a great deal of speculation regarding the nature of Shaughnessy's testimony. He has pleaded guilty to being the owner of the house at Lynbrook, in which it is alleged that the disposal of stolen property was carried on. It was in this house that Wilson Mizner, the playwright, and other well known persons were arrested following a raid last year. Shaughnessy was not in any way interested in the gambling in his house, as far as can be learned.

Another interesting feature of Shaughnessy's questioning is connected with Saratoga County. The assistant District Attorney of that county has been present at some of the hearings, and it was stated that he desired to question Shaughnessy regarding conditions in one county. It is understood that counsel for the latter has expressed the opinion that his client cannot be asked questions regarding conditions in one county while appearing before a grand jury in another county.

While none of the officials of the county could discuss the investigation, it is understood that the residents that Justice Scudder and District Attorney Weeks are determined to rid the county of all gambling activities.

Bedtime Stories

What Buster Bear Saw

By Thornton W. Burgess

A worker, not a loafer, is little Busy Bee.

She has no idle moments while there's light enough to see.

—Buster Bear.

Buster Bear was puzzled. Never in all his life had he been more puzzled. What was Farmer Brown's boy trying to do? There he was in that little sunny place right in front of where Buster was hiding and he seemed to be very intent on something, but what that something was Buster couldn't make out.

In one hand Farmer Brown's boy carried a little square box and in the other he held the cover to it. He went from flower to flower. Presently Buster was reminded of what he himself was there for by seeing Busy Bee alight on a flower. He watched her for only a second, then again turned toward Farmer Brown's boy.

The latter was stealing very softly toward that flower in the heart of which Busy Bee was hard at work. Slowly and carefully Farmer Brown's boy held the little box close to that flower and then with a cover in his other hand brushed Busy Bee into the box and put the cover on.

Then he peeped in at the little window in the cover of the box and watched Busy Bee. Of course Busy Bee was very indignant and flew about inside that little box, all the time buzzing angrily. But it didn't take her long to discover that honey on the bottom of the box. Right away she forgot her indignation and began to eat everything but the fact that here was honey all ready to take away, and she at once began to load up with all she could carry.

Farmer Brown's boy walked over to an old stump and carefully placed the little box on it. Then he took off the cover. Buster Bear blinked his eyes. "Now what did he do that for?" thought he. "He's watching me. He's watching Busy Bee get away."

Right that very instant Busy Bee did get away. She flew up out of that little box straight up in the air, circled and darted away. Buster Bear couldn't see in which direction Busy Bee flew, but he knew that Farmer Brown's boy could by the way he looked toward the Green Forest.

"Huh!" grunted Buster Bear, taking great care not to do it aloud but down inside. "Huh! That was a stupid thing to do. What did he go to all that trouble to catch Busy Bee for and then let her get away like that? And what under the sun is he watching for now? He looks for all the world as if he expects Busy Bee to come back. Huh! He must think she is stupid. I always thought these two-legged human beings were smart, but I guess I was mistaken."

Now Farmer Brown's boy did expect Busy Bee back and he expected

Trail of Bomb Plotters Ends With Explosion

Story Told by Bank Watchman Gives Authorities Complete Narrative Up to Time of Wall St. Outrage

Death Wagon Described

New Witness Says "Old Horse and Unsteady Cart" Attracted His Attention

In the story of William O'Neill, a special officer of the Bank of America, 44 Wall Street, the authorities believe they have the most reliable description yet obtained of the horse and wagon thought to have conveyed the death bomb to the scene of the Wall Street disaster on September 16.

O'Neill yesterday told agents of the Department of Justice that he left the bank about 11:45 a. m. the day of the tragedy for the American Express Company offices on Broadway. He was walking west on the north side of Wall Street when he saw an old horse and a dilapidated wagon standing in front of the Assay Office. The horse was so thin, he says, that he couldn't resist remarking to another postman, "That's a horse!" He could only remember that it was of a dark color.

Canvas Roll Under Seat

It was an open wagon with staves or racks on the sides and was of a dark grayish color. In about the middle of the vehicle O'Neill noticed a box about two feet long, sixteen inches wide and from eight to ten inches deep. It reminded O'Neill of a ketchup box. The wheels of the wagon, says O'Neill, were striped with red. Under the seat was what appeared to him to be a canvas roll. The seat was of collapsible construction and stood about one foot from the body. O'Neill had scarcely crossed Nassau Street and was in front of the Bankers Trust Building, when the explosion came, throwing him violently to the sidewalk.

The authorities have thus been furnished with a fairly good idea of the appearance of the horse and wagon, the time they arrived and what occurred in connection therewith up to the time of the blast. From Wellington they learned that the horse was hurrying from the wagon a few minutes before 12 o'clock noon, with two of them remarking: "Hurry up! Beat it! Get out of here!" to the third. From the information of Miss Schless and Le Boutillier they see these men getting into a small car in front of the National City Bank a short distance away.

Hope that a health tag, thought to have been attached to the ear of the horse that drew the death wagon might lead to the identification of the owner faded last night with the discovery that the horse was still alive.

The tag, No. 6869, was issued to the Reid Ice Cream Company of Brooklyn in 1918, who sold the truck that bore it to the R. W. Scharf Trucking Company at the Fulton docks.

The tag dropped off the ear of the horse while at a trough at Front and Wall streets last Tuesday. A driver took it to the police. It was at first

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